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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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DIFFERENCE IN RETAIL AND WHOLESALE PRICE OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the per kilogram difference between existing wholesale and retail prices of essential commodities in the metropolitan cities;

(b) whether any guidelines have been issued in relation to maximum permissible difference between wholesale and retail prices of essential commodities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the manner in which the Government monitors the prices, especially the retail prices of essential commodities?

Answer

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(a) Whole sale and retail prices are not comparable as retail prices include cost of distribution, packaging, retailer's margin etc.. However, the wholesale prices of a few essential commodities and their retail prices i n the metropolitan centres a s reported by concerned State Governments are given in the table below:-

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) : Does not arise.

(d) : Prices of 14 essential commodities are monitored on a daily basis and prices at 18 centres across the country covering the major State Capitals.